

"SEC. 196C. STUDY TO EXAMINE AND INCREASE SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS AND VETERANS PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS UNDER THE NATIONAL SERVICE LAWS AND TO DEVELOP PILOT PROGRAM.

"(a) **PLANNING STUDY.**—The Corporation for National and Community Service shall conduct a study to identify—

"(1) specific areas of need for veterans;

"(2) how existing programs and activities carried out under the national service laws could better serve veterans and veterans service organizations;

"(3) gaps in service to veterans;

"(4) prospects for better coordination of services;

"(5) prospects for better utilization of veterans as resources and volunteers; and

"(6) methods for ensuring the efficient financial organization of services directed towards veterans.

"(b) **CONSULTATION.**—The study shall be carried out in consultation with veterans' service organizations, the Department of Veterans Affairs, State veterans agencies, the Department of Defense, and other individuals and entities the Corporation considers appropriate.

"(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Corporation shall submit to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report on the results of the planning study required by subsection (a), together with a plan for implementation of a pilot program using promising strategies and approaches for better targeting and serving veterans.

"(d) **PILOT PROGRAM.**—From amounts made available to carry out this section, the Corporation shall develop and carry out a pilot program based on the findings in the report submitted under subsection (c).

"(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012."

Page 134, line 23, strike "subsections (p) and (q);" and insert "subsection (p); and".

Page 134, strike line 24 and all that follows through page 135, line 2, and insert the following:

(10) by redesignating subsections (q), (r), and (s) as (g), (h), and (i), respectively.

Page 138, after line 6, insert the following:

"(5) **SILVER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.**—A Silver Scholarship program for citizens age 55 and older to complete no less than 600 hours of service in a year meeting unmet human, educational, public safety, or environmental needs and receive a \$1000 education award, provided that—

"(A) the Corporation establishes criteria for the types of the service required to be performed to receive such award; and

"(B) the citizen uses such award in accordance with sections 146(c), 146(d), and 148(c)."

Page 138, lines 7 and 21, redesignate (5) and (6) as (6) and (7), respectively.

Page 139, line 3, redesignate (7) as (8).

Page 139, after line 13, insert the following:

"(2) **MATCHING FUNDS.**—

"(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Federal share of the cost of carrying out a program for which a grant is made under this part may not exceed 76 percent of the total cost of the program in the first year and may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the program for the remaining years of the grant, including if the grant is extended for 1 year.

"(B) **NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.**—In providing for the remaining share of the cost of carrying out such a program, each recipient of a grant under this part—

"(i) shall provide for such share through a payment in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including facilities, equipment, or services; and

"(ii) may provide for such share through State sources or local sources, including private funds or donated services."

Page 139, line 14, redesignate (2) as (3).

Page 139, line 14, strike "ENCOURAGEMENT" and insert "COLLABORATION ENCOURAGED".

Page 139, line 18, redesignate (3) as (4).

Page 139, line 23, after "strategies" insert a comma.

Page 140, strike line 19 and all that follows through page 141, line 9.

Page 141, lines 13 through 14, strike "the Corporation requires, and in such manner as".

Page 147, line 5, strike the semicolon and insert the following: ". Such activities may utilize funding from the reservation of funds to increase the participation of individuals with disabilities as described in section 129(k);".

Page 147, line 12, insert before the semicolon the following: ", including providing such training and technical assistance to programs receiving assistance under section 201 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973".

Page 148, line 24, strike "2008," and all that follows through the semicolon on page 149, line 4, and insert "2008;"

Page 149, line 10, strike "63.75" and insert "60".

Page 149, line 16, strike "11.25" and insert "15".

Page 149, after line 18, insert the following:

"(C) **SUMMER OF SERVICE.**—Of the amount appropriated under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year, up to \$10,000,000 shall be for summer of service grants and up to \$10,000,000 shall be deposited in the National Service Trust to support summer of service educational awards, consistent with section 118(c)(8)."

Page 151, after line 3, insert the following:

"(D) **PRIORITY.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, in obligating the amounts made available pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in subparagraph (C), priority shall be given to programs carried out in areas for which the President has declared the existence of a major disaster, in accordance with section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170), as a consequence of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita."

Page 156, line 17, strike "recruitment and".

Page 156, after line 19, insert the following:

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) strike "related to the recruitment and" and insert "related to the";

(II) strike "in conjunction with the recruitment and" and insert "in conjunction with the"; and

(III) strike "1993. Upon" and all that follows through the period at the end and insert "1993.";

Page 156, lines 20 and 24, redesignate (i) and (ii) as (ii) and (iii), respectively.

Page 160, after line 17, insert the following:

"(1) In the re-entry and re-integration of formerly incarcerated youth and adults into society, including life skills training, employment training, counseling, educational training, and educational counseling."

Page 160, lines 18 and 23, redesignate (1) and (2) as (2) and (3), respectively.

Page 161, lines 7, 12, and 18, redesignate (3), (4), and (5) as (4), (5), and (6), respectively.

Page 169, strike line 5 and all that follows through page 170, line 11, and insert the following:

"(e) **COMPETITIVE GRANT AWARDS REQUIRED.**—

"(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Effective for fiscal year 2013 and each fiscal year thereafter, each

grant or contract awarded under this section in such a year shall be—

"(A) awarded for a period of 3 years; and

"(B) awarded through a competitive process."

"(2) **ELEMENTS OF COMPETITIVE PROCESS.**—The competitive process required by paragraph (1)(B)—

"(A) shall include the use of a peer review panel, including members with expertise in senior service and aging;

"(B) shall ensure that—

"(i) the resulting grants (or contracts) support no less than the volunteer service years of the previous grant (or contract) cycle in a given geographic service area;

"(ii) the resulting grants (or contracts) maintain a similar program distribution; and

"(iii) every effort is made to minimize the disruption to volunteers; and

"(C) shall include the performance measures, outcomes, and other criteria established under subsection (f).

"(3) **ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPETITIVE PROCESS.**—The Corporation shall establish and make available the competitive process required by paragraph (1)(B) no later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this subsection. The Corporation shall consult with the program directors of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program during development and implementation of the competitive process.

"(f) **EVALUATION PROCESS REQUIRED.**—

"(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding section 412, and effective beginning 180 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, each grant or contract under this section that expires in fiscal year 2010, 2011, and 2012 shall be subject to an evaluation process. The evaluation process shall be carried out, to the maximum extent practicable, in fiscal year 2009, 2010, and 2011, respectively.

"(2) **ELEMENTS OF EVALUATION PROCESS.**—The evaluation process required by paragraph (1)—

"(A) shall include performance measures, outcomes, and other criteria; and

"(B) shall evaluate the extent to which the recipient of the grant or contract meets or exceeds such performance measures, outcomes, and other criteria.

"(3) **ESTABLISHMENT OF EVALUATION PROCESS.**—The Corporation shall, in collaboration and consultation with program directors of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, establish and make available the evaluation process required by paragraph (1), including the performance measures, outcomes, and other criteria required by paragraph (2)(A), with particular attention to the different needs of rural and urban programs. The processes shall be established and made available, including notification of the available training and technical assistance, no later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection.

"(4) **EFFECT OF FAILING TO MEET PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**—If the evaluation process determines that the recipient has failed to meet or exceed the performance measures, outcomes, and other criteria established under this subsection, the grant or contract shall not be renewed. Any successor grant or contract shall be awarded through the competitive process described in subsection (e)(1).

"(5) **SPECIAL RULE.**—The Corporation may continue to fund a program which has failed to meet or exceed the performance measures, outcomes, and other criteria established under this subsection for up to 12 months if competition does not result in a successor grant or contract for such program, in order to minimize the disruption to volunteers and